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SUBJECT: AID TO INDIA - CONGRESSIONAL SCENARIO

1. AS A RESULT OF REPRESENTATIVE SOLARZ'S EFFORT, THE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED TO THE HOUSE BUDGET COMMITTEE A BUDGET CEILING TO ACCOMMODATE A DEVELOPMENT LENDING PROGRAM FOR INDIA. HOWEVER, THAT RECOMMENDATION WAS NOT REFLECTED IN THE FINAL ACTION OF THE HOUSE BUDGET COMMITTEE ON THE 9.5 BILLION DOLS INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES BUDGET.

2. THIS EFFORT IS BEING FOLLOWED BY YET ANOTHER CONGRESSIONAL INITIATIVE. IN SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE, CONFIDENTIAL

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SENATOR HUMPHREY AND SENATOR JAVITS MAY BRING UP AN AMENDMENT WHICH WOULD ENABLE THE ADDITION OF A DEVELOPMENT LENDING PROGRAM IN INDIA TO THE FY 78 FOREIGN ASSISTANCE AUTHORIZATION BILL. WE DO NOT KNOW AT THIS TIME THE EXACT NATURE OR FORM THE PROPOSAL WILL TAKE. IT IS EXPECTED TO COME UP DURING THE COMMITTEE MARKUP OF THE BILL TODAY (APRIL 7).

3. WHILE WE HAVE WELCOMED CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN AID TO INDIA, WE WILL BE PURSUING THE FOLLOWING COURSE CONCERNING THE AID RESUMPTION ISSUE: WE ARE CURRENTLY CONDUCTING AN

INTERNAL REVIEW OF THE QUESTION. WHEN THIS IS COMPLETED, WE WILL CONSULT WITH THE GOI. IF OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS AGREE ON THE DESIRABILITY AND SHAPE OF A DEVELOPMENT LENDING PROGRAM, WE WILL REPORT TO THE CONGRESS.

4. OUR PREFERENCE IS TO AVOID A LEGISLATIVE PROVISION WHICH EARMARKS A SPECIFIC AMOUNT OR A SPECIFIC TYPE OF PROGRAM FOR INDIA UNTIL AFTER WE HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONSULT WITH THE GOI.

5. WE WILL KEEP YOU POSTED ON OTHER CONGRESSIONAL ACTIONS REGARDING INDIA.

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